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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Christophe GILBERT, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Application Number:

09/769,787

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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For:

STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTING

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 14, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. Please note applicants are claiming small entity status as a small business concern. A check to cover the small entity fee for a two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, the period for response is extended to run until March 14, 2002.

In response to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 14, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status Small Business Concern, excess claims fee, multiple dependent claim fee and surcharge for late filing for the above-captioned patent application.

Applicants also enclose herewith a compact disc copy of a properly formatted Sequence Listing in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.824 (a)(b), for inclusion in the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) the undersigned hereby states that the sequence listing information recorded on the computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.

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The fees are, therefore, calculated as follows:

| Basic Filing Fee | \$370.00 |
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| Multiple dependent claim fee | \$140.00 |
| Additional Claims fee | 18.00 |
| Additional Independent Claims Fee | 336.00 |
| Late Filing Surcharge | 65.00 |
| Two-Month Extension of Time | <u>200.00</u> |

TOTAL FEE AMOUNT

\$1,129.00

A check in the amount of \$1,129.00 is enclosed. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Respectfully submitted,

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